Worcester. Sept. 13.

Dear Miss Preston

To speak at fair appears to me the only real courtesy due to the 19th century, — for who can be disgusted among gentlemen? But I think we should wish to do others, & I yield in=stantly to your command. I know nothing to prevent my coming to Weymouth on Oct. 12. — Except

the possibility of my trials
pleasing during the race, &
the greater possibility of
my wife's being more ill &
requiring my attendance. If
you like take the risk
of those contingencies, I
think I can guarantee
you against others, & shall
consider myself as engaged
unless I hear to the contrary

Cordially yours

T. W. Higginson

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